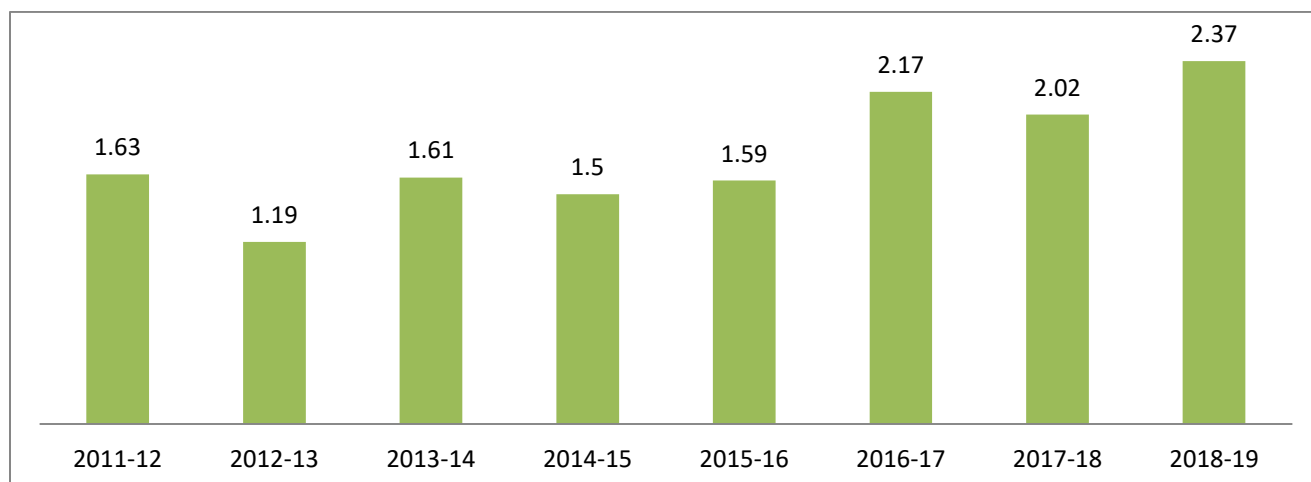


Greengram Outlook – November 2019

Greengram is an important pulse crop in India and believed to be originated from India. It is short duration legume crop grown mostly as a fallow crop in rotation with rice. Similar to the leguminous pulses, greengram enriches soil nitrogen content. It is grown mostly in Asian region traditionally, while its cultivation has spread to Africa and America relatively in the recent times. India contributes more than 70% of world's greengram production.

Indian farmers have covered 134.02 lakh ha under kharif pulses as on 27th September 2019 as against 136.40 lakh ha last year. Around 31.15 lakh ha was covered under greengram, while the same was 34.24 lakh ha last year. The states of Rajasthan (18.30 lakh ha), Maharashtra (3.28 lakh ha), Karnataka (2.69 lakh ha), Madhya Pradesh (1.82 lakh ha), Odisha (1.63 lakh ha) and Telangana (0.70 lakh ha) are the major producers of greengram in India. In Telangana major growing districts are Mahabubabad (13997 ha), Sangareddy (16542 ha), Suryapet (9589 ha), Khammam (6919 ha), Vikarabad (5210 ha) and Kamareddy (3505 ha). According to Government 1st advance estimate, greengram production in kharif 2019-20 is at 1.42 million tonnes.



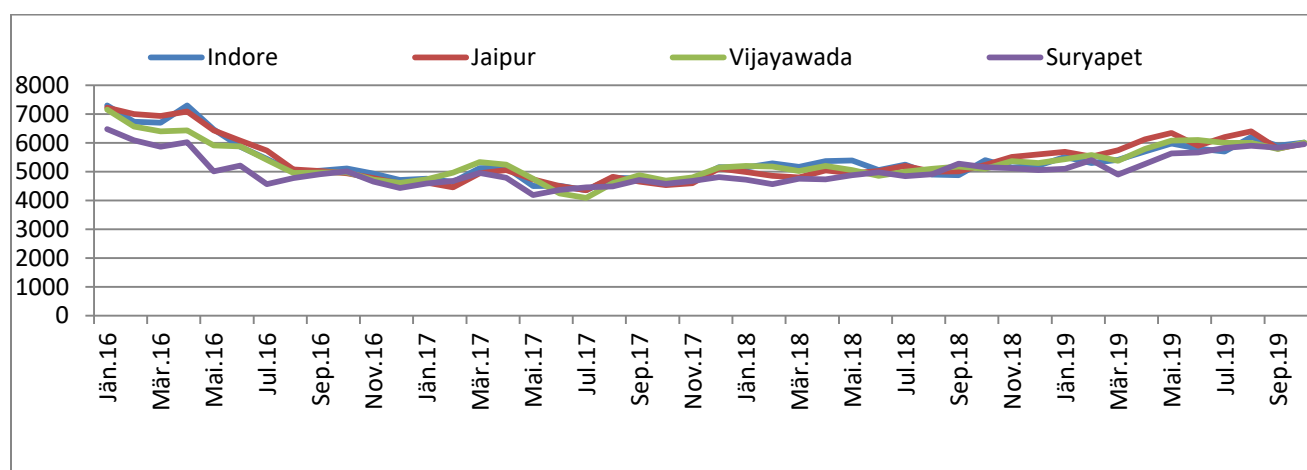
Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

Figure 1: Production of Greengram in India (in Million tonnes)

Table 1: Greengram Domestic Supply & Demand (in lakh tonnes)

	2018-19	2019-20*
Opening Stocks	7.26	8.96
Production	23.70	20.89
Imports	1.50	0.75
Total Supply	32.46	30.60
Exports	1.00	0.20
Consumption	22.5	23.00
Total Demand	23.5	23.20
Ending Stocks	8.96	7.40

Source: www.agriwatch.com * Estimated



Source: www.agriwatch.com, agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Figure 2: Average monthly prices of greengram in major markets of India (Rs/q)

All major markets of greengram in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price movement in Figure 2. The prices which were about Rs. 7000 per quintal during April 2016 started declining to around Rs. 4500 in March 2017 and since then fluctuating in the range of Rs. 4500 to Rs.6000 till date. Currently, greengram is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 5900 per quintal.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Greengram in Tandur market during October 2019

Date	Arrivals (Quintals)	Maximum price (Rs/quintal)	Minimum price (Rs/quintal)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
1	378	5779	3500	5409
10	562	5805	5159	5350
14	291	6058	5150	5650
15	258	6111	4588	5900
16	223	6111	4700	5500
17	277	6066	4200	5859
18	187	6021	4311	5601
21	261	6039	4851	5769
22	464	6039	3828	5950
31	431	6408	4500	6156

Source: <http://tsmarketing.in>

Government procurement of greengram has started in many states. However, volume of arrival is lower than expectation. Private mills are active and it is supporting price at current level. As arrival is lower and import quantity remains restricted to quota, greengram may trade steady to slightly firm in the near term. It would push greengram market further up by 300 to 400 per qtl. As quality loss is higher and traders have restricted selling sensing firm momentum in coming weeks, cash market price is bound to go up near to MSP level. Besides, there is no parity for import as availability in Myanmar is lower and prices continue to rule higher. Lower crop size, quality loss is likely to remain supportive in coming weeks. NAFED still have 1.16 lakh MT. NAFED would continue to release old stock at regular intervals to keep price under check.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Greengram is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 5800 - 6000 per quintal in the month of November 2019.